Notice of Privilege motion against Deputy Minister for Health

Sri M. NAGAPPA (Raichur).—I have moved a privilege motion against the Hon. Deputy Minister for public Health regarding his deliberate and untruthful statement made on the floor of this House. In that respect I want to bring to the notice of the House the statement he has made.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It reached me just this morning when I came to the office. I had no time to look into it. I request the Hon. Member to come and meet me tomorrow at 10-30 A.M.

Point of order *re*: Statements made by members outside the House *re*: Business of the House

Sri K. H. PATIL (Hubli).—Sir, on a point of order. I want to know whether a sitting member of this House can make a statement outside the house about the transactions that are going on in this House and especially belittling the status of this House. Sri S. Nijalingappa, a sitting member of this House has made a statement yesterday which has appeared in all papers about the No-Confidence motion coming before the House in such a manner which is not befitting the status of the House. Therefore, either Sri Nijalingappa may be called to explain or the Chair may take suitable action against him. My point is that no member of this House should make a statement outside the House belittling the status of this House or about any transaction that is going on in this House. If he has any reason or rhyme to say so, he can offer his remarks here. He is not at liberty to make a statement outside expressing his whims and fancies.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The point of order raised by the hon. Member Sri K. H. Patil is that Sri Nijalingappa, a Member of this House, is alleged to have said something outside. What exactly the statement was and whether there is anything to support it, have not been put before the House. A point of order under rule 311 ralates to the interpretation and enforcement of rules. Therefore, they apply only to the proceedings within the House and not what happens outside. Admittedly it is stated, that the hon. Member of this House Sri S. Nijalingappa said something outside. We do not know what it is. A point of order can arise only in respect of what happens inside the House and not in respect of what happens outside the House. Hence, I rule that there is no point of order.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—Even if it pertains to the business of the House, can anybody comment about it outside the House? As far as business pending before this House is concerned, no member or Minister is competent to comment and criticise and make a statement on a matter which is seized by this House. Therefore, I submit that the hon. Speaker

may reconsider that particular ruling given and give a separate and considered ruling, so that it may be a guidance to all. From what I have said it is clear that it is the privilege of this House and I submit that the hon'ble Speaker will reconsider the matter. I can cite a ruling given in respect of Sri Rajagopalachari. What he said was referred to a privileges committee.

MR. SPEAKER.— The hon. member may pass on that ruling to me. I gave the ruling immediately because the point appeared to be simple. Since the hon. Member is referring to a ruling in respect of Sri Rajagopalachari, I shall give my considered ruling tomorrow. I may bring to the notice of the hon. Members that we have before us an important item of no-confidence motion. I think the House is interested in discussing that motion.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Periyapatna)—I would like to suggest one thing. A member of this House, however big he may be, must voice his views on the floor of this House so far as the business of the House is concerned. The matter reads like this.

MR. SPEAKER.— The hon. member need not read it.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It was open to Sri S. Nijalingappa who is now in Bangalore to attend the House and condemn the no-confidence motion in such a manner as he deems fit. But, it is for you to consider whether a person of his status and dignity and particularly one who has such great importance in the country to speak in such a light-hearted manner that the no-confidence motion tabled by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition—who in status enjoys the status of the Chief Minister, is ಮಾಮೂಲು ಕಥೆ, ಬಿಡಿ. This is a matter which not only offends the dignity of the person who tabled the motion but affects the dignity of the House which is seized of the matter. Therefore the Speaker may go into the matter in detail and see whether it will not amount to a breach of privilege.

MR. SPEAKER.—Only a point of order was moved and I have given a ruling. The hon. Member Sri M. Nagappa just now pointed out another aspect of the question. He has promised to give certain authority. I shall go through it. As regards the point of privilege, to which a reference has been made by Sri H. M. Channabasappa, I can only deal with it if a formal motion is made and not otherwise.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— Pardon me, Sir. You are the custodian of the privileges of this House. When the privilege of the House is in question, it is open to the Speaker to take it up *suo motu* even without waiting for a formal motion from us.

MR. SPEAKER.—If the member points out the rule or the Authority, I shall think about it. Now next item.